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Bob Riley Governor Joe McInnes Transportation Director

September 18, 2006

MEMORANDUM NO. 2006-22

TO:

ALL COUNTY ENGINEERS AND DIVISION

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

FROM:

JOHN F. COURSON, P.E./P.L.S.

STATE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER

RE:

GAS DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION PIPELINE

SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2006

Attached is a copy of a letter from Ms. Michele Dory, Damage Prevention Manager, Alabama One Call, along with the meeting schedule and registration form for the subject program.

This is furnished for your information and use as you deem appropriate.

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Lamar Woodham

Ms. Michele Dory

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Post Office Box 1476 Birmingham, AL 35201-1476

September 8, 2006

Mr. Lamar "Bubba" Woodham Assistant Chief Engineer 1409 Coliseum Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36110

Dear Mr. Woodham,

I am writing you to request if it would be possible for you to distribute the attached information to all nine ALDOT Division Engineers and County Engineers. Alabama One Call along with 54 gas operators throughout the state is conducting Gas Pipeline Safety Awareness meetings this fall.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss gas distribution and transmission pipeline safety, damage prevention and how to handle a pipeline emergency should one occur. This is an excellent educational opportunity for everyone, particularly any personnel who operates mechanized equipment for maintenance and construction purposes. In addition to a complimentary dinner the people attending have opportunities to win door prizes.

A new Federal Regulation API RP 1162, initiated by the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), requires that all pipeline operators conduct public awareness meetings to educate contractors, emergency responders, public officials, and the affected public on pipeline safety issues.

The program will consist of an educational presentation and a complimentary dinner. Topics included in the power Point Presentation include the following:

- the use of Alabama One Call prior to excavation and other damage prevention activities:
- possible hazards associated with unintended releases from a pipeline facility;
- physical indications that such a release may have occurred;
- what steps should be taken for public safety in the event of a pipeline release and
- how to report such an event.

Prior to dinner, there are informational displays provided by the sponsoring companies who will have representatives present to answer any questions.

The attachment I have enclosed has the RSVP form for attendees and a listing of future meetings. I've also included the listing of the gas operators for which we are conducting these programs.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michele Dory

Damage Prevention Manager

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Alabama One Call

cc: Mr. John Lorentson, Mr. Terry McDuffie, Mr. Frank Courson

GAS DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2006

ALABAMA ONE CALL LAUNCHES GAS DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2006

In a collaborative effort with our sponsoring gas operators throughout the state, Alabama One Call will conduct several Pipeline Safety Awareness meetings this fall. The purpose of these programs is to discuss gas distribution and transmission pipeline safety, damage prevention and how to handle a pipeline emergency should one occur in your area.

Federal Regulation API RP 1162 requires pipeline operators to conduct continuing public awareness programs to educate a wide variety of target audiences on pipeline safety issues.

These educational meetings are specifically designed to discuss issues of importance to all Contractors, Emergency Responders and Public Officials. The program will consist of an educational presentation and a complimentary dinner. Topics included in the power Point Presentation include the following:

- the use of Alabama One Call prior to excavation and other damage prevention activities;
- possible hazards associated with unintended releases from a pipeline facility;
- physical indications that such a release may have occurred;
- what steps should be taken for public safety in the event of a pipeline release and
- how to report such an event.

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For a complete listing of the scheduled meetings throughout the state please refer to the schedule on the back of this page for all meeting dates and locations. On the date of the meeting, registration is from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner from 6:00-6:45, then a Power Point presentation at 7:00. The meeting generally concludes no later than 8:00p.m. There are also many opportunities to win great DOORPRIZES!

-- RSVP--

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE MEETING DATE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO YOUR COUNTY)

Please RSVP 1 week prior to meeting date!

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Company/Organization:	
Meeting Date I Will Plan To Attend:(see schedule on next page)	
Meeting City:	
(see schedule on next page)	

PLEASE FAX TO: 205-414-1899 ATTENTION: MCKAY LYVERS

Note: If there are additional people in your company or organization that would like to attend, please feel free to copy of this form and have them fill it out and return by FAX.

Scheduled Meetings

October 5	Blount, Jefferson, Walker	Gardendale Civic Center 857 Main St. Gardendale, AL 35071
October 10	Calhoun, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair	Senior Activity Center 623 Broad St. Gadsden, AL 35901
October 12	Bibb, Chilton, Shelby	Alabama 4-H Center 892 4-H Road Columbiana, AL 35051
October 17	Cullman, Limestone, Madison, Morgan	Jaycee Community Building 2180 Airport Road Huntsville, AL 35801
October 19	Clay, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega, Tallapoosa	Betty Carol Graham Technology Center Central Alabama Community College 1675 Cherokee Road Alexander City, AL 35010
October 25	Baldwin	John F. Rhodes Civic Center 301 D'Olive Street Bay Minette, AL 36507
October 26	Autauga, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery	Alcazar Shrine Center Auditorium 555 East Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36117

November 2	Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Monroe	Brewton Community Center 1010-B Douglas Ave. Brewton, AL 36426
November 9	Bullock, Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell	Southern Union Community College - Student Union Building 1701 Lafayette Pkwy Opelika, AL 36801
November 14	Mobile	Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds Ballroom 1035 N. Cody Road Mobile , AL 36608
November 16	Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence	North Alabama State Fairgrounds-Building #3 65 SportsPlex Drive (Fairgrounds Road off of Highway 43 South) Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

List of Pipelines and Gas Distribution Sponsoring Operators Participating Public Awareness Cooperative Training Programs

Alagasco

Alexander City Gas Department

Athens Utilities

Atmore Utilities Board

Black Warrior Methane

Boaz Gas Board

BP Pipelines (North America) Inc.

Bridgeport Utilities

Calera Natural Gas, City of

Chevron

Childersburg Gas, City of

Clarke-Mobile Counties Gas District

Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District

Daphne Utilities

DeKalb-Cherokee Counties Gas District

East Central Alabama Gas District

Enbridge Pipeline-Bamagas Interstate, Tennessee River Intrastate

Energen Resources

Energy South- Mobile Gas, Bay Gas, Southern Gas Transmission

Fairhope Utilities

Fayette Gas Board

Fultondale Gas Board

Granger Energy

Hartselle Utilities

Hunt Oil and Refining

Huntsville Utilities

Jacksonville Gas, City of

Loxley. Town of

Maplesville, Town of

Marshall County Gas District

Mulga Gas Department

North Baldwin Utilites

Northwest Alabama Gas District

Oneonta Utilities Board

Pickens County Natural Gas District

Piedmont Gas, City of

Plantation Pipeline

Riviera Utilities

Roanoke Utility Board

Robertsdale Gas, City of

Scottsboro Gas Board

Silverhill, Town of

South Alabama Gas District

Southeast Alabama Gas District

Southern Natural Gas

Stevenson Utilities Board

Sumiton Municipal Gas System

Sylacauga Housing Authority

Sylacauga Utilities Board

Tennessee Gas Pipeline

Transmontaigne (now BP)

Trussville Utilities

Union Springs Utilities

Wilcox County Gas District

Williams Gas Pipeline -

(Transcontinental and Gulfstream)